

Amendments to the Specification

1. Amend the second paragraph on page 1 to read as follows:

This is a divisional of copending prior application Serial No. 09/874,609 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,652,577), filed June 5, 2001 as a divisional of application Serial No. 09/431,988 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,240,978), filed November 2, 1999 as a divisional of application Serial No. 08/993,033 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,993,483), filed December 18, 1997.

2. Amend the second paragraph on page 6 to read as follows:

Fig. 7 shows a stent similar to that in Fig. 3, but with ~~additional annual elevation patterns~~ near increased densities of elevations at its ends.

3. Amend the first paragraph on page 8 as follows:

As mentioned previously, more dense distributions of elevations at the proximal and distal ends of the stent will provide higher stability at these areas for better anchoring of the stent with the tissue of the body vessel. Also, in connection with Figure 3 it ~~was~~ is noted above that an ~~annual~~ annular elevation pattern 12 near the proximal and distal ends ~~would~~ 4 and 5 can reduce ~~any~~ the debraiding tendency. Figure 6 shows a stent of the type shown in Figure 1, but with increased densities of elevations at the proximal and distal ends. Figure 7 shows a stent of the type shown in Figure 3, but with ~~two additional annual~~ annular elevation patterns, ~~one~~ near each of the proximal and distal ends 4 and 5.